



PROGRAMS

**Tours
&
Events**

APRIL 2017

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted

SUNDAYS:

Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look

4/23 Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (1 hour)

Drop by Marina Bay Park (Melville Square) to visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial—a very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline. A docent will be available to answer questions and introduce the memorial. (Rain Cancels)

MONDAYS:

Games and Toys for Girls and Boys

4/10 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Wartime was deadly serious for grown-ups, but for kids, it was a time for adventure. Let's explore how children had fun during the war years: costumes, riding toys, board games, ships and planes and trains, the comics, and more!

The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath

4/24 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

TUESDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/4, 4/11, 4/18(Cancelled), 4/25 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

***Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program, seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.**

For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori

Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

WEDNESDAYS:

What We Wore During the War

4/5 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

Richmond Bus Tour with a Park Ranger

4/26 at 10:30 AM (2 hours)

Hop aboard with a park ranger for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. A short tour of the Maritime Child Development Center is included. Space is limited. – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – Call (510) 232-5050 x0

THURSDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 at 11:00 AM (1 hour)

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Blossoms and Thorns

4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

FRIDAYS:

Rosie Meet and Greet

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

Rationing on the Home Front

4/14 at 12:30 PM (30 minutes)

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Listen to stories about the Federal Government's rationing program and how it affected families on the Home Front.

SATURDAYS:

"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating*)

4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)

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The Golden Shore with David Helvarg

4/15 at 11:00 am (1 ½ hours)

David Helvarg, founder and executive director of Blue Frontier, discusses the new paperback version of his non-fiction book. The Golden Shore tells the tale of the history, culture, and changing nature of California's coasts and ocean. Explore the state's 1,100 mile coast line with a focus on Richmond's WWII history, and discover the spirit of the California coast. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED- Call 510-232-5050 x0

Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"

(CANCELLED) 4/29 at 3:30 PM (1 hour)

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45 minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.